

DAVIE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

MAY 27, 2003

6:30 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Chair Hilda Testa, Vice-Chair Julie Aitken, and Jacque Daniels. Also present was Board Secretary Jenevia Edwards recording the meeting. Barbara Spiece and Jason Hurley were absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 25, 2003

Vice-Chair Aitken made a motion, seconded by Chair Testa, to approve the minutes of March 25, 2003. In a voice vote, with Ms. Spiece and Mr. Hurley being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 3-0)**

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 Equestrian Deed Restrictions for New and Existing Developments

Vice-Chair Aitken presented a draft of the proposed Davie Right to Hobby Farm Act which was reviewed by the Board.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the lifting of the zoning in progress and a proposed new development with open space design. Chair Testa indicated that with an increase in new residents, more children's camp similar to the Bar-B Ranch operation would be a good idea. She added that this would strengthen what was presently available, increase boarding farms and maintain the present trail system. The consensus of the Board was that in order to maintain the existing equestrian lifestyle, there had to be reinforcement of the Right to Hobby Farm Act.

The 4-H program was discussed with Chair Testa commenting that there should be more awareness by the public. Ms. Daniels indicated that several camps were available for children during the summer but more advertisement was necessary. Chair Testa indicated that there should be a horse camp operated by the Town where each person provided his own horse. Vice-Chair Aitken suggested that the Town set up a horse camp at the Vista View Park once the funds were received from the County to make the purchase. Chair Testa discussed her efforts to have the Town build concrete hurricane stalls; however, no progress had been made. The Board discussed the various events that could be held when the area was not being utilized for hurricane protection.

Chair Testa added that the Town should construct a community barn where 4-H Club meeting and horse camps could be held, and hire the type of staff with the necessary qualifications.

Vice-Chair Aitken made a motion, seconded by Ms. Daniels, that Chair Testa write a cover letter to the Town Administrator and each Councilmember indicating the purpose of the Davie Right to Hobby Farm Act and what the Board would like to see done, and make a recommendation that the Council passes the Davie Right to Hobby Farm Act as an ordinance. In a voice vote, with Ms. Spiece and Mr. Hurley being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 3-0)**

4. OLD BUSINESS

Vice-Chair Aitken reported on the success of the distribution of the Davie Farmer's Guide and indicated that it was in the second printing.

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Chair Testa advised that she had not received any feedback regarding the equine liability signs. She indicated that she would contact Town Administrator Thomas Willi as well as Councilmember Judy Paul regarding the status on the equine liability signs.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Testa advised that she had been contacted by Marcie Nolan, Planner III of the Planning and Zoning Division, asking for a letter from the Board in support of the Florida Land Trust. She indicated that she did not have enough information concerning the Florida Land Trust to be able to compose the letter; however, she had left a message asking the Ms. Nolan contact her. Chair Testa reiterated the need for support of the equestrian industry in the Town.

6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Chair Testa commented that the Open Space Advisory Committee should get involved in some of the issues that the Agricultural Advisory Board was involved in. A brief discussion followed regarding some of the issues. Vice-Chair Aitken commented on discussions in the past to combine several Boards.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no objections and no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Date Approved

Chair/Board Member

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